

and you have 92 percent of Americans paying their mortgages on time, when you look at these tens of trillions of dollars now that are being thrown at this, I think we could probably be paying those mortgages off, multiple times, of the people who were in trouble. It is so much money. It is so unfathomable. I think that's why you see the American people running scared right now, because they aren't getting certainty out of Washington, D.C. What they're getting is uncertainty. And we have a completely different message. We have a message meaning fairness. We have a message of hope, where we can turn the economy around. We've done it before. We can do it again. We cut people's capital gains tax, we cut the corporate business tax. We cut their marginal tax.

Why do we do all that? Because we want simplicity and we want fairness for people in the tax code. Everybody should have to pay something. But it needs to be fair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHILDERS). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Reclaiming the balance of my time and yielding it back to the Speaker, I thank you for your indulgence.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. ARCURI, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-24) on the resolution (H. Res. 218) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today until 5 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HEINRICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 12.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 12.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 520. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the "Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 6, 2009, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

778. A letter from the House Democracy Assistance Commission, Chairman, transmitting the Commission's 2008 annual report in accordance with Section 3(c) of House Resolution 24, passed by the United States House of Representatives during the 110th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

779. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-21, "Library Kiosk Services Temporary Act of 2009," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

780. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-20, "Metropolitan Police Department Subpoena Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2009," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

781. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-19, "Disclosure to the United States District Court Temporary Amendment Act of 2009," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

782. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-22, "Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2009," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

783. A letter from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting the Commission's competitive sourcing report for 2008, pursuant to Public Law 108-109; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

784. A letter from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report on the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act in accordance with Public Law 97-255 and Public Law 100-504; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

785. A letter from the Acting Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the Counsel's fiscal year 2008 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

786. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulation: ULHRA Hydroplane Races, Howard Amon Park, Richland, Washington [Docket No. USCG-2008-0376] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MCGOVERN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 218. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 111-24). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. BONO MACK (for herself, Mr. BARROW, and Mr. BARTON of Texas):

H.R. 1319. A bill to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain "peer-to-peer" file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 1320. A bill to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 1321. A bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIERNEY (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 1322. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide emergency protection for retiree health benefits; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DRLEHAUS (for himself and Mr. TOWNS):